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Applicants: Laurent DUBEDOUT, et al.  
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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A HERMETIC TUBULAR JOINT  
COMPRISING LOCAL AND INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS(ES),  
BY MEANS OF PLASTIC EXPANSION  
Group Art Unit: 3679  
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